[Mr. K. N. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) This does not arise.

(*c*) The Government do not consider that their not having filled up the temporary vacancy of an Assistant Account Officer was a legitimate grievance to anyone in the service.

(*d*) No. The comptometer is merely a calculating machine which enables arithmetical calculations to be made with great speed and accuracy

Mr. Chacko, Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory and Mint.

178. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) whether, at the time of the appointment of Mr. P. O. Chacko as the Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory and Mint, the Government have stated in answer to my question No. 423, published at page 1205 of Vol. IV of the Council Proceedings, that the appointment of Mr. Chacko as Superintendent was only a temporary one, carrying a minimum salary of Rs. 150 and that the Superintendents of the Huzur and the Account Office were drawing a higher salary ;

(ii) the pay of Mr. Chacko at the time of his appointment as Superintendent of the Stamp Manufactory in Edavam 1099 ;

(iii) his present pay and allowance ;

(iv) whether he has been made *sub-protem*, and if so, when ;

(v) whether he has been made Provisional Superintendent, and, if so, the date of the order ;

(vi) whether by his appointment as Provisional Superintendent he has not superseded the Superintendents in the Huzur and the Account Office who were getting a pay of Rs. 150 and above in 1099 ;

(vii) the justification for making Mr. Chacko, Provisional Superintendent ;

(viii) when the post of Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, fell permanently vacant ; and

(ix) whether they are aware that there are several complaints against Mr. Chacko for his partiality towards Christian employees and his doing injustice towards non-Christians in the Stamp Manufactory and Mint and that he has created much disaffection amongst the employees ?

(*b*) How many joint petitions about him have the employés sent to the Government and the Financial Secretary, within a short period of two years ?

(*c*) With reference to the allegations levelled against the Superintendent by his subordinates, will the Government be pleased to state :

(i) whether they enquired into the complaints as promised in the answer to my question No. 213 (*a*), published at page 694 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings ;

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(ii) whether the Financial Secretary personally made a local enquiry in the Stamp Manufactory and made investigations into the allegations in the petitions ; and

(iii) if he has completed the investigations, the result of the investigations?

(*d*) Will they be pleased to enquire why the names of three persons appointed by Mr. Chacko, namely, Eapen, Madhavan Pillai and Kesava Pillai were omitted from the statement furnished in answer to my question No. 148, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 19th April 1926?

(*e*) Will they be pleased to give the dates on which those men were entertained?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (i) The answer is in the affirmative.

(ii) Rs. 125.

(iii) Pay Rs. 125, allowance Rs. 55.

(iv) and (v) He was appointed 'provisional' from 3-10-1099 ; from 5-1-1102 he reverted to acting rank ; from 12-4-1102 the vacancy again became *sub-protem*.

(vi) This has been already answered in the negative in reply to question 423 (*c*), at page 1205 of the Council Proceedings dated 12-6-1924.

(vii) The vacancy became 'provisional' and he was appointed 'provisional' so long as the vacancy remained 'provisional'.

(viii) It has not been substantively vacant.

(*a*) (ix) and (*b*) A joint petition signed by several employees (counters and printers) was addressed to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent, another to the Dewan, and a third to the Financial Secretary, all in Dhanu 1101.

(*c*) The complaints have been enquired into. The Financial Secretary visited the institution personally and asked several of the petitioners their grievances. The allegations that had been made of harsh treatment, etc., were not borne out by facts and appear to have been lightly made by one of the signatories. The real grievance was the filling up of the post of head printer and this was mentioned in reply to question No. 170 (*b*), at page 583 of the Council Proceedings dated 19-4-1926.

(*d*) and (*e*) Madhavan Pillai was already an employee of the Mint and he was only transferred to the Stamp Manufactory. Eapen and Kesava Pillai were appointed acting peons in Vrischikam 1100. The omission to include their names in the statement referred to appears to have been an oversight.

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